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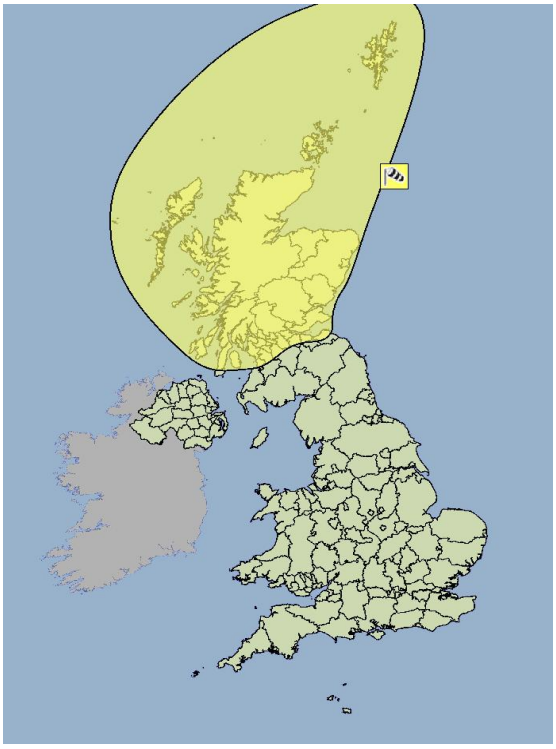

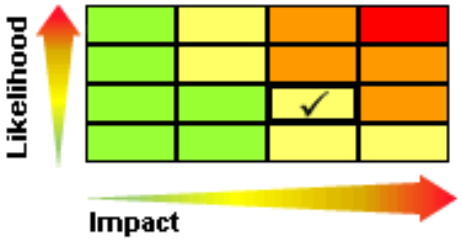

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A deepening depression (now named Storm Conor) will move northeastwards across the Atlantic, passing to the north of Scotland during the Christmas period and bringing a broad swathe of gales and severe gales to much of Scotland. There continues to be some uncertainty over the precise track of the strongest winds, and more particularly their longevity on Boxing Day over the Northern Isles.

Turning much colder later Christmas Day (Sunday) and into Boxing Day (Monday) morning, with blustery showers increasingly turning to snow. Some slight accumulations of around 2-4 cm are possible above 200 metres.

This warning has been updated to increase the potential gust speeds in the north of the warning area, and to extend the validity time into Monday evening, to cater for the potential for stronger winds to continue in the northeast of the warning area for longer than previously forecast.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **03:00 on Sun, 25th Dec 2016** until **18:00 on Mon, 26th Dec 2016**

A further spell of very strong winds associated with Storm Conor is expected through Christmas Day (Sunday) and much of Boxing Day (Monday). Gusts of 50 to 60 mph are likely to occur quite widely, locally up to 70 mph. These stronger gusts are likely to be more frequent over the far north of Scotland and the Northern Isles, where there is a risk of gusts exceeding 80 mph.

There is potential for disruption to holiday travel plans (for example difficult driving conditions, restrictions on bridges and delays to ferry services). Other impacts, primarily

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across northern Scotland, may include disruption to power supplies and large waves affecting coastal areas, while heavy rain in the West Highlands combined with snow melt may lead to rising river levels.

For more details please go to:
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